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FOLLOWING REPEAT USBERLIN 341 ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE

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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: CODEL WOLFF

1. MISSION HAS HEARD INFORMALLY THROUGH DEA CHANNELS THAT CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF IS PLANNING TO VISIT BERLIN AND A NUMBER OF OTHER EUROPEAN CITIES LATER THIS MONTH. WE GATHER THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS FAMILIARIZATION WITH NARCOTICS PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY AS RELATED TO US MILITARY PERSONNEL.

2. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY CONFIRMATION DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE REGARDING A CODEL WOLFF VISIT TO BERLIN, AND CONCERNING DATES, INTERESTS OF CODEL, AND DEGREE IF ANY
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OF MISSION (STATE DEPARTMENT) RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRAM AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN BERLIN.

3. MISSION HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED VISITS BY A NUMBER OF VISITORS FROM WASHINGTON RESPONSIBLE FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS, INCLUDING A VISIT FEBRUARY 1-2 BY A TEAM LED BY LEE DOGOLOFF, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF DRUG ABUSE POLICY.

4. SUCH VISITS HAVE BEEN USEFUL IN PROVIDING INTERESTED AGENCIES OF THE US GOVERNMENT WITH CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN BERLIN. WE HAVE STRESSED THAT THIS PROBLEM IS PRINCIPALLY A HEROIN PROBLEM, AND THAT THE DRUG SEEMS TO BE BROUGHT TO BERLIN FROM OR THROUGH TURKEY, AND SOLD TO BERLINERS FOR THE MOST PART BY TURKISH AND MIDDLE EASTERN DEALERS. US MILITARY PERSONNEL HERE ARE NOT INVOLVED, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT SOME USE OF NARCOTICS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE US FORCES CONTINUES, ALBEIT AT LOWER LEVELS THAN IN THE PAST. IN OTHER WORDS, LIKE BERLINERS, SOME GI'S ARE CUSTOMERS OF THE TURKISH STREET DEALERS. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT US MILITARY PERSONNEL EITHER BRING HEROIN INTO BERLIN OR ARE INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE.

5. IF CODEL WOLFF TRIP IS BEING HANDLED WITHOUT ANY DIRECT DEPARTMENT OF STATE INVOLVEMENT, MISSION WOULD NEVERTHELESS WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF CODEL WHILE IN BERLIN ON THE BERLIN HEROIN PROBLEM. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE CODEL WITH COPIES OF BONN 00146, AND USBERLIN 2791 AND 3079 (BOTH 1977) WHICH PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON THE INCREASE IN CIVILIAN HEROIN TRAFFICKING AND CONSUMPTION, BERLIN'S PRIMARY PROBLEM IN THE NARCOTICS AREA. GEORGE UNQUOTE VANCE

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